

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING

January 18, 2011

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Jacksonville was held Tuesday, January 18, 2011 beginning at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Jacksonville City Hall, 815 New Bridge Street. Present were: Mayor Sammy Phillips, presiding; Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Lazzara and Council Members: Jerry Bittner, Fannie Coleman, Randy Thomas and Robert Warden. Council Member Jerome Willingham was unable to attend. Also present were: Richard Woodruff, City Manager; Ronald Massey, Assistant City Manager; Glenn Hargett, Communications and Community Affairs Director; Carmen K. Miracle, City Clerk; and John Carter, City Attorney. \*An audio recording of the Council Meeting is presently available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lazzara, seconded by Councilman Bittner, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda as presented.

#### WELCOME

Mayor Phillips recognized and introduced the Legislative Delegation and County Commissioners who were in attendance.

#### C. PETER MAGRATH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD RECOGNITION

Ms. Sheila Pierce, Vice Chairman of the Sturgeon City Board of Directors, stated she was honored in bringing home the C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Award to all those who made it possible. A short video was shown regarding the clean-up of the New River and the beginning of Sturgeon City.

Ms. Pierce then introduced Dr. James Zuchies, Vice Chancellor for Extension, Engagement and Economic Development from NC State University. He was delighted that the Riverworks at Sturgeon City project was selected for the Southern Regional award and then won the National Award. Dr. Zuchies presented the award sculpture to the City so that it could be displayed at City Hall, then at Riverworks at Sturgeon City, before being given back to NC State. He also stated that Riverworks at Sturgeon City was awarded \$20,000 to move the program forward. This engagement award was in recognition of an extraordinary partnership between NC State University and many committed partners. Certificates of Recognition were presented to those partners.

J.P. McCann, Executive Director of Sturgeon City, acknowledged Mona Padrick and the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce for their help; Peggy Gardner from the Cooperative Extension for their continued support; Dr. Jay Levine for whom this project would not have happened without his assistance and persistence; Larry Hobbs who was one of the first partners; and Pat Donavon-Potts. Mr. McCann reviewed the plans for a civic environmental education center. The center would stand as a demonstration of this community's commitment to the river, and a testament that we were working together to improve the quality of life in our community and Eastern North Carolina.

Mayor Phillips thanked those involved with the initiative for working so diligently and giving back vitality to the river.

#### RECESS

Mayor Philips recessed the Special Meeting at 4:19 PM in order for City Council to attend the Joint City Council/Onslow County Board of Commissioners Meeting.

#### RECONVENE

Mayor Phillips reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:06 PM.

#### CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Bittner, seconded by Council Member Coleman, and unanimously approved to recess the Special Meeting at 6:07 PM in order to convene a Closed Session for the purpose of consulting with the attorney in order to preserve the attorney client privilege and for discussion of personnel matters, pursuant to General Statute 143-381.11.

#### RECONVENE

Mayor Phillips reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:58 PM and announced that no reportable action had been taken in closed session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lazzara, seconded by Councilman Warden, and unanimously adopted to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Adopted by the Jacksonville City Council in regular session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

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Sammy Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Carmen K. Miracle, City Clerk